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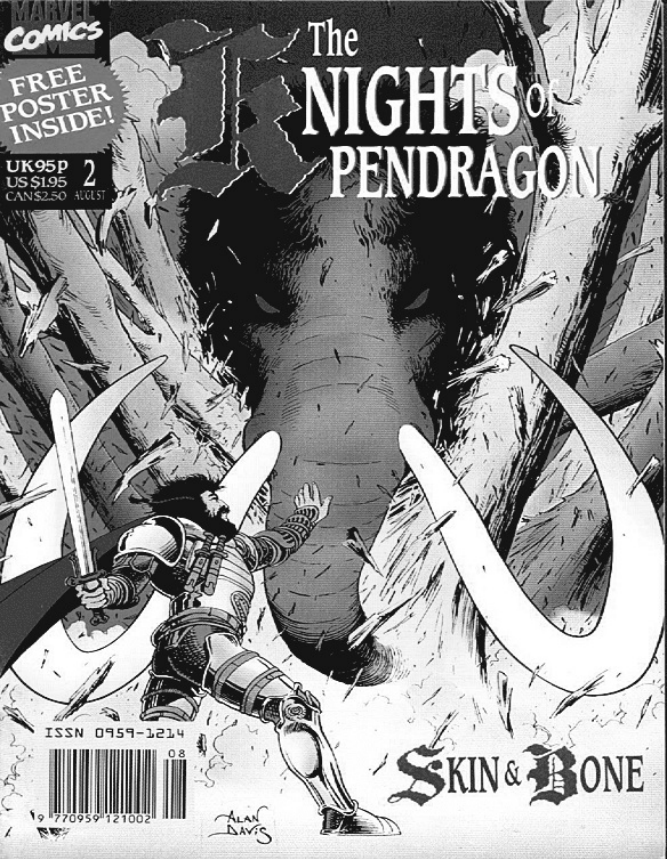
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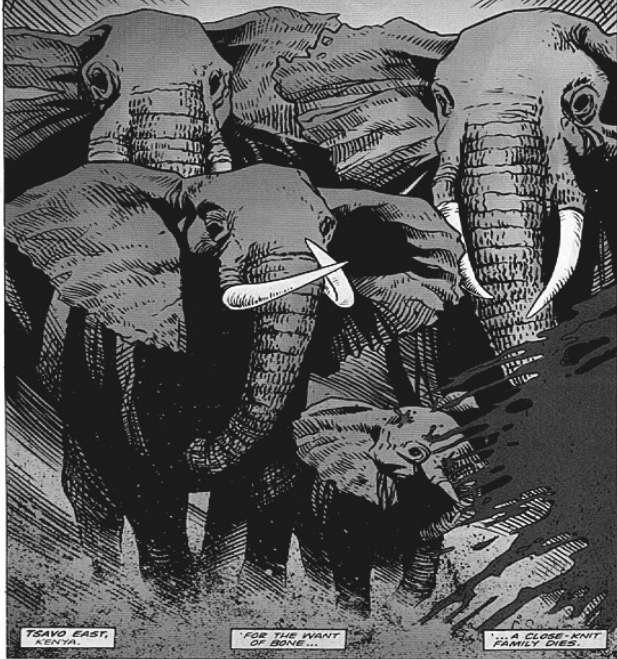
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'SO YOU'VE DREAMT OF ELEPHANTS, HAVE YOU?
TO DREAM OF AN ELEPHANT IS TO DREAM OF
ANCIENT WISDOM, OF THE EARTHLY ASPECT OF
THE SELF. IT IS ALSO A DREAM WHICH PORTENDS
NOBILITY OF PURPOSE AND CLARITY OF THOUGHT,
FOR ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET.'

Illey's Dream Almanac

'THE ELEPHANT IS SHAT
UPON WITH GREATER
HONESTY BY VULTURES.'

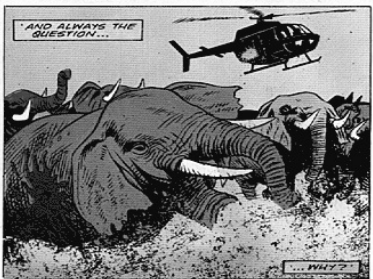
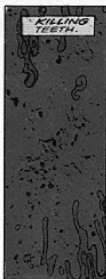
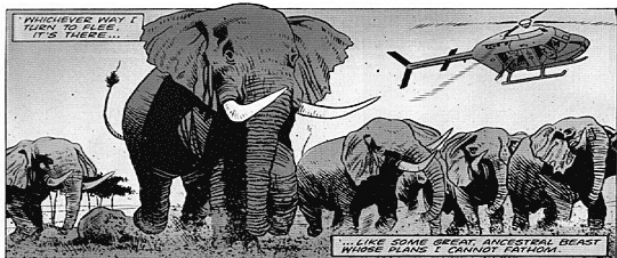
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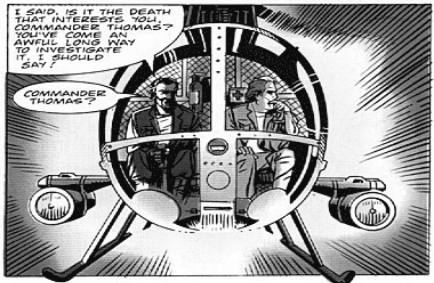
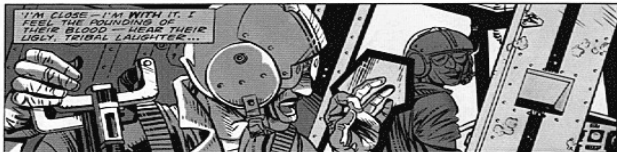


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KENYA.

'FOR THE WANT
OF BONE...

'...A CLOSE-KNIT
FAMILY DIES.

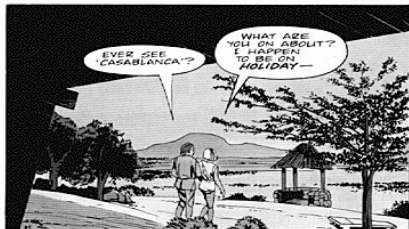












EVER SEE
'CASABLANCA'?

WHAT ARE
YOU ON ABOUT?
I HAPPEN
TO BE ON
HOLIDAY—



YEAH, AND I'M BOBART,
AND OF ALL THE BARS IN
ALL THE WORLD, A TV
REPORTER WALKS INTO
MINE? THE QUESTION
IS, WHY?

ALL RIGHT,
JUST SHOW
SOME MERCY
WITH THE
ELBOW,
OKAY?



EIGHTY SEVEN DIE IN A LONDON BURGER
BAR, CORONER'S REPORT 'WITHHELD'
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE... KENT FARBER
BUTCHERED IN RITUAL KILLING, MEDIA
BARRED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...
CHIEF INVESTIGATOR OF
BOTH INCIDENTS 'GOES
ON HOLIDAY' TO AFRICA...



I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT'S BLOODY
WELL GOING ON,
THAT'S WHY
I'M HERE!

AT LEAST YOU
DIDN'T MENTION
YOUR 'DUTY TO
REPORT!'



HOW ON
EARTH DID
YOU TRACK ME
HERE?

YOU SHOULD CHECK WHO
YOU GET YOUR STANDBYS
FROM, ASTRA'S PARENT
COMPANY OWNS TWO AIRLINES—
ONCE I KNEW YOUR ARRANGE-
MENTS, I GOT ON A FLIGHT
THE DAY BEFORE.

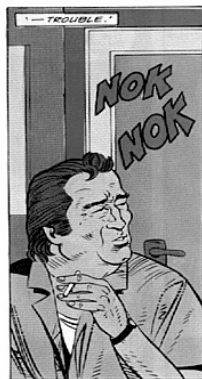


GLORY BE, I GO
OFF ON A HUNT,
AND HERE YOU
ARE—HUNTING
ME.









OH, YES. THEY SKIM THE HERD AND FIRE OFF SHOTS TO LEG AND HIND-QUARTERS. CRIPPLE THEM. THEN, TO IMMOBILISE THEM AND SAVE AMMO, THEY LAND AND SEVER THE SPINES WITH AXES.

GOOD CHRIST...



YOU KNOW, THE ELEPHANT IS THE ONLY ANIMAL TO *BURY* ITS DEAD. THERE'S BEEN TOO MUCH OF THAT AROUND HERE LATELY, I'D SAY.



WHOOAA! AND WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?

WHAT?



BLOODY HELL!

DAMAGED, TOO, I'M THINKING. MAYBE THE BASTARDS ARE IN TRO—

GET ME DOWN THERE.



WHAT? I'M THINKING THE SUN HAS SCRAMBLED YOUR BRAINS, INSPECTOR. YOU WOULDN'T LAST TEN MINUTES IN THE BUSH ALONE AT NIGHT. LET'S PULL BACK, AND—



PUT ME DOWN, NOW. JUST STAY LOW, AND KEEP THE SPOTLIGHTS ON ME. GOT A TORCH?

















'IT'S MOVING.
BLACK ON BLACK...

...SHADOW ON SHADOW...



'...I'M SICK WITH
FEAR, BUT I
DAREN'T CLOSE
MY EYES.

WAAH?..



ANYTHING?

NO, AND GET
THAT BLASTED
LIGHT OFF MY
FACE!



BROOOO!

HUH?

DEAR
LORD, WHAT WAS
THAT?

'OH DEAR LORD NO--



THAT
WAY! COVER
THE OTHER
SIDE!

'I RUN, BUT
I DON'T WANT
TO SEE...



AHH!

'IT SPLATTERS
ME LIKE RAIN...









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A NOTE FROM THE KNIGHTS

As you may have noticed, the main theme of this particular issue is the continuing slaughter of wild elephants. The butchery has now reached the stage where there is a very real possibility that all African elephants will be extinct by 2020. A whole species will be relegated to a handful of animals held in captivity. That makes us sick. What also makes us sick is the artistic license we used in this issue. The game wardens of Tsavo and all the other East African game reserves are struggling against incredible odds. They do not, as we have shown, have helicopters, and they are equipped with old bolt-action rifles. Arrayed against them are state-of-the-art automatic assault rifles and machine-guns and, in some cases, helicopters belonging to the poachers and their paymasters in Europe, Hong Kong and the USA. Outgunned and faced with international indifference by the governments of major countries such as Britain, they are fighting a losing battle. So, if any of what you have just read so much as pricks your conscience, there are a great many charities fighting to save elephants who could do with a hand, even if it's the one you put into your pocket. It doesn't have to be much, but remember, every little bit helps. . .

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EXCALIBUR
THERE WAS...

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